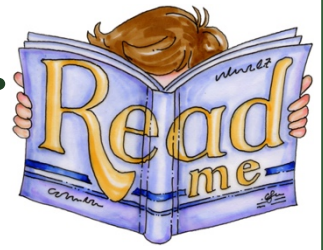




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Term 2, Week 3 2024

| DIARY | | |
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| Term 2 2024 | | |
| May 2024 | | |
| WEEK 4 | | |
| Monday | 6 | Mothers & Special Friends' Stall this week. Golf Incursion – Years 5 and 3 7pm – School Council Meeting |
| Tuesday | 7 | Photo Catch Up Day Golf Incursion – Years 6 and 4 |
| Wed | 8 | Prep Briars Excursion No Assembly today 9.30am School Tour |
| Friday | 10 | From 7.30am Mothers' and Special Friends' Breakfast and Assembly @ 8.50am Year 1 Nature Play |
| WEEK 5 | | |
| Monday | 13 | Education Week 7pm PTA Meeting |
| Wed | 15 | 8.50am Early Years & Middle School Assembly in BER – Kind on Purpose Awards 9.30am School Tour Year 3 Healesville Excursion |
| Thursday | 16 | 8.50am Senior Sub School Assembly – Kind on Purpose Awards |
| Friday | 17 | Year 1 Nature Play |
| WEEK 6 | | |
| Monday | 20 | District Cross Country |
| Wed | 22 | 8.50am Whole School Assembly – Resilience Awards 9.30am School Tour Year 4 Science Excursion |
| Thursday | 23 | Crazy Hair Day – SRC (TBC) |
| Friday | 24 | Curriculum Day Friday 24 May – no school |
| WEEK 7 | | |
| Wed | 29 | 8.50am Whole School Reconciliation Assembly – Challenge Awards 9.30am School Tour Division Cross Country |
| Fri | 31 | Year 1 Nature Play |
| JUNE 2024 | | |
| WEEK 8 | | |
| Monday | 3 | 7pm School Council Meeting (online) |
| Wed | 5 | 8.50am Whole School Assembly – Responsibility Awards Year 5 Camp – June 5 - 7 Chess Tournament @ Peninsula Grammar |
| Thursday | 6 | Year 6 Space incursion |
| Friday | 7 | Year 1 Nature Play |
| WEEK 9 | | |
| Monday | 10 | King's Birthday Public Holiday – no school |
| Tuesday | 11 | 7pm PTA Meeting |
| Wed | 12 | 8.50am Middle Sub School Assembly 9.30am School Tour |
| Thursday | 13 | 8.50am Senior Sub School Assembly |
| Friday | 14 | 8.50am Junior Sub School Assembly |
| Saturday | 15 | MEPS PTA Trivia Night |
| WEEK 10 | | |
| Wed | 19 | 8.50am Learning Endeavour Awards Assembly Years 5/6 Winter Lightning Premiership 9.30am School Tour |
| WEEK 11 | | |
| Tuesday | 25 | P/T Interviews 8.50am Assembly (Academic Achievement) |
| Wed | 26 | P/T Interviews |
| Friday | 28 | End of Term - finish at 2.15pm |

Uniform Shop

REMINDER – HATS ARE COMPULSORY WHEN THE UV RATING IS 3 OR ABOVE.

Please make sure your child has a hat so that they can learn and play outside. Note opening hours below.

Opening Hours

Monday – 8.30am – 11:30am

Wednesday – 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Uniforms may be purchased online – see link below:

<https://fcw.com.au/online-shop/mt-eliza-primary-school-online/>

Processed orders will be delivered to your child's classroom in Term 2.

FCW School Uniform Shop only accepts CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS.

Zoe Grey - zoemgrey25@gmail.com

Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Second Hand Uniform Shop Opening

During Term 2, the Second-Hand Uniform Shop will be open on the following Thursdays from 8.30am – 9.00am:

- 16 and 30 May
- 13 and 27 June

Camp Australia

Before and After School Care is available in the Old School House. To register your child please phone Camp Australia on 1300 105 343. Registration is available online at www.campastralia.com.au

Key Dates

Jogging Club – Tuesdays and Thursdays @ 8.30am

| Mt Eliza Primary School | |
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| ★ KEY DATES 2024 | |
| MAY 10 | MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST |
| JUN 15 | MEPS TRIVIA NIGHT |
| JULY 24 | WHOLE SCHOOL CONCERT |
| AUG 30 | FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST |
| NOV 8 | 150 YR CELEBRATION |

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - MS KIM WHEELER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many of you may be aware that in 2024, Mt Eliza Primary School is celebrating 150 years of excellence in education. During these 150 years, Mt Eliza Primary School has been committed to providing an education for students that is high quality and progressive. Over the years, Mt Eliza Primary School has evolved into a dynamic educational organisation with its own distinctive identity. We draw on our strong traditions as we continue to educate future generations for the ever-changing landscape they face.



Our incredible story started in a 'shed' not too far from our current site in the 1800s. The school went through a period of being open and closed a few times until student numbers consolidated. The building we call the Old School House moved from Parkdale to its present site in 1929 and we are proudly considered the first continuous primary school in the area. This building stands proudly at the front of the school. Importantly, this school house was saved from demolition in 2004 by a group of hard working and passionate members of our school community. Thank goodness, as the Old School House is a reminder to us of the school's ongoing commitment to exceptional education.

Since its inception, Mt Eliza Primary School has been synonymous with a strong sense of community spirit. In partnership with our community, we have developed a culture that reflects our five values:

Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Connectedness and Challenge

These values are the cornerstone of what we do; they support our approach to learning and are key to the way in which we develop respectful relationships across the school. It is at Mt Eliza Primary School that ex-students often speak of how they developed deep friendships that have continued through and after school. We also have many inter-generational family members returning time and time again as students, visitors and volunteers.

We are looking forward to a number of touchpoints throughout the year which will give us the opportunity to celebrate our 150-year anniversary. The launch of our Sesquicentennial began at the end of last term with a visit to the school by Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner AC, Governor of Victoria. Thanks to parent Adam Goldfinch, please click on the link/s below to watch our latest video created to launch our 150 years at MEPS, - via Face Book: <https://www.facebook.com/mtelizaps/> or on our website: <https://mtelizaps.vic.edu.au/>.



House Cross Country

Monday's House Cross Country turned out to be such a wonderful day with great spirit!



Many thanks to everyone for their flexibility and understanding when the inclement weather meant that we had to adjust our Early Years' races a bit. I appreciate the significant efforts of all staff, student leaders and parent volunteers to make this day so successful. A special thanks to Mrs Tracy McLaughlin for her incredible organisation. Our enthusiastic and encouraging House Leaders really did demonstrate our values in action and ES staff member Tara Heath assisted actively as 'Hare' for many of the races. We managed to complete all of the races by the end of the day and make the presentations to our place getters. Well done everyone, for demonstrating our school values of resilience, connectedness and challenge. It was a big team effort and super successful as a result. Congratulations to the winning House - Ranelagh!



MEET INITIATIVE

At assembly, our MEET representatives shared all about our new MEPS Container Deposit Scheme. Please read all about how to contribute to this scheme.

HARVEY H

Good morning, everyone! We are just some of your MEET team leaders for 2024, and today, we're here to chat about...drumroll...BINS! I know, not the most exciting topic, but hey, it's super important, so please listen up! Our mission is to make MEPS the greenest school in Victoria, and to make that happen, we've got some ideas to share. First off, let's talk about recycling because, let's face it, we could all do a bit better in that department.

JACK H

Introducing our fabulous new YELLOW bins, stationed proudly at the canteen. Now, these aren't your ordinary rubbish bins; they're recycling superheroes! There is one specifically for those brown paper bags you get with your lunch orders. Hands up if you've ever had a lunch order? Alrighty, pay attention! We can only recycle the big paper bags without the greaseproof lining, so no pizza bags, please! Only the plain ones with your name on them. If we mix them up, the recycling magic won't work, and nobody wants that! We're on a mission to keep these babies out of landfill and turn them into something extra special.



MEPS CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

JUST LOOK FOR THE 10C SIGN ON YOUR CONTAINERS AND THE PURPLE BINS AT SCHOOL.

MEPS IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE VICTORIAN CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME. BY COLLECTING ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS, WE'RE NOT ONLY PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY BUT ALSO RAISING FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL...WIN WIN!

HOW DOES IT WORK?
IT'S SIMPLE. DURING SCHOOL HOURS, YOU CAN BRING IN YOUR EMPTY BEVERAGE CONTAINERS (SUCH AS CANS AND BOTTLES) AND DROP THEM OFF INTO THE PURPLE BINS LOCATED IN THE STAFF CARPARK. FOR EACH RETURNED CONTAINER, WE RECEIVE A 10C REFUND, DIRECTLY SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL.

ALTERNATIVELY, YOU CAN RETURN THE CONTAINERS YOURSELF TO ANY LOCAL DEPOT AND DONATE THE FUNDS USING THE MEPS ZONE ID PROVIDED BELOW.
ZONE ID - C2100119086

LET'S REDUCE WASTE, PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, AND RAISE FUNDS TOGETHER.
EVERY CONTAINER COUNTS!



KAELI B

Now, onto the second yellow bin – it's for all you Oak milk fans out there! Hands up if you enjoy an Oak milk drink with your lunch? Awesome! Well, this bin is for your EMPTY Oak bottles. Pop them in here, and we'll take them to the depot, where we get 10 cents for each bottle! That money comes right back to our school, so it's a win-win. Plus, it keeps those bottles out of landfill, which is good for the planet and for our school spirit. So, next time you're at the canteen, make sure to give these yellow bins some love and help us make MEPS even greener!

ZOE C & SAVANNAH E

And last but not least, let's give a warm welcome to our stylish purple bins! You can find these two gems chilling in the staff carpark, right next to the skips. They're the perfect spot to drop off all your empty cans and bottles with the 10-cent mark. Now, here's the fun part: if every student brings in just 10 empty bottles or cans, we could raise almost \$500! And if everyone steps up their game and brings in 20, we're talking nearly \$1000 for our school! So, let's team up to keep these bottles and cans out of landfill while also raising funds for awesome stuff at school. Thanks for helping everyone!

EARTH DAY WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT

As we celebrate our school's commitment to sustainability, we'd like to say thank you for everyone's support during Earth Day last week. It was great to hear classrooms engaging in meaningful discussions about sustainability and finding ways to make a difference in just 3 seconds. We encourage you all to continue dedicating just 3 seconds to sustainable actions. Now, onto some exciting news! We're thrilled to announce the winners of the 'power out' challenge. One grade of eco-heroes went above and beyond, managing to go a full 5 hours without any power. And the certificate for the MEPS Earth Day Superstars goes to..... 4B! Congratulations to Mrs Coley's grade for their outstanding achievement!

SPOTLIGHT ON CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

I have the enviable opportunity to visit classrooms on a regular basis and am always blown away by the variety of learning experiences and the manner in which our students can articulate 'what' they are learning and 'why'.

From creative projects to immersion in the curriculum, here's a glimpse into what's been happening in our classrooms:

Global Connections via LOTE:

With the world at our fingertips, our students have been exploring diverse cultures and perspectives through their immersion in Indonesian language and cultural studies. Here are Year 4 expanding their horizons and developing a deeper understanding of the world around them.



Mathematics in Action:

Fractions are in the spotlight in Year 3, with students learning about mathematical terminology including numerators and denominators using pizzas as a way to visually demonstrate fractional portions.



Language Experiences:

Students in our Early Years cohorts (Prep to Year 2) have been consolidating their English skills through writing practise, responding to texts, rehearsing their sounds, discussing the names of shapes and learning about grammatical structures, just like 2M who have been learning all about antonyms.



Our Year 6 cohort have been focusing on language experiences through word study, grammar and listening skills. In making links to their inquiry unit on space and the planets, the Year 6s have been listening to the year level novel, 'The Little Prince' by Antoine de Saint-Exupery. The story follows a young prince who visits various planets, including Earth, and addresses themes of loneliness, friendship, love and loss.

You can see the students in 6W highly focused on the novel while creating visual representations of what they are hearing. Students in 6D and 6G were more highly focused on the 'nuts and bolts' of language, working on grammatical and spelling conventions such as declarative language and adding suffixes to words. I was really impressed by the way in which the Year 6s were working!



Taking the Learning Beyond the Gates - Year 5 1000 Steps Challenge

I am excited to share with you the incredible journey that our Year 5 students embarked upon last Friday as they conquered the 1000 Steps Challenge, an adventure that not only tested their physical endurance but also deepened their understanding of history and resilience.

Located in the picturesque Dandenong Ranges National Park, Melbourne, the 1000 Steps Challenge is more than just a fitness activity; it is a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by Australian soldiers during World War II. This iconic trail is known as the Kokoda Track Memorial Walk, paying homage to the brave soldiers who fought along the gruelling Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea.

Accompanied by MEPS staff and family volunteers, our students set out on this memorable journey, eager to tackle the steep ascent of 1000 steps. As they climbed higher, they were not only met with physical challenges but also with opportunities for reflection and connection. They paused at various points along the trail to absorb the stories of courage and sacrifice, gaining a newfound appreciation for the resilience of the human spirit. They encouraged and supported each other every step of the way, embodying the values of teamwork and camaraderie.



The 1000 Steps Challenge provided our students with a unique opportunity to connect with history, nature and each other. It was a day filled with laughter, learning and a shared sense of purpose. We are incredibly proud of our Year 5 students for embracing this adventure wholeheartedly and for embodying the spirit of resilience and determination.

AFL AusKick in Mount Eliza

At our recent assembly, Caitlyn Swanborough, AFL Participation Coordinator for the South East, joined us to promote AFL AusKick. AFL AusKick is the perfect introduction to the game for children aged 5 to 12, offering a safe, inclusive and fun environment where they can learn the skills of footy while making friends and staying active.

This is the moment to sign up your child so that they can be a part of the action. All participants will receive a free bag with water bottle, Sherrin football and pump - <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/52ae16>.



IMPORTANT NOTICES

Ritchies IGA Benefits - Shopping at Ritchies IGA in Mount Eliza

Please note that families shopping at Ritchies IGA in Mount Eliza have the opportunity to sign up for a Community Card which allows you to link the school to the rewards scheme.

Over the many years that we have been connected, Ritchies has generously donated thousands of dollars to the school for resources.

If you haven't already done so, please download the Ritchies Community app or register your existing card, then nominate MEPS as your choice of beneficiary.

This is a great way for our students to benefit from the generosity of the wider Mount Eliza community.

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REGISTERED MEMBERS WHO SHOP AT RITCHIES GO INTO THE DRAW TO WIN THEIR NOMINATED CLUB, SCHOOL OR CHARITY \$5000!

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Terms and conditions apply. Go to ritchies.com.au for full details. There is one \$5,000 Ritchies gift card for one lucky club, school or charity. There are 5 x \$1,000 Ritchies gift cards to be won for registered Ritchies Card members who select a club, school or charity. Promotion starts 1/8/24 and ends 28/9/24. *Maximum spend of \$10 on one transaction and excluding alcohol & tobacco products, gift cards, electronic recharge and items marked reduced for clear.

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Prep Enrolments 2025



Welcome to Prep at MEPS in 2025

Prep applications and enrolments are now open for the 2025 school year. Please contact the office for appropriate forms. These are now also available on our website.

Please note that Enrolment Forms are for families who are within the school's catchment zone and 2025 siblings. Application Forms are for families applying from out-of-zone. Please check your zone via the following link - <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/>.

Year 6 to 7 Transition

A reminder to families that the Application for Year 7 Placement 2025 forms are to be handed back to your child's Year 6 teacher as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Continual Learning

Over the past week, our School Improvement Team (SIT) has been busy with some additional professional learning. Led by Bronwyn Ryrice-Jones, we have been working on the Responsive Teaching project which will underpin the school's work as we unpack Big Ideas and techniques for teaching and learning.



Enjoy a brilliant week coming up and I might see you at one of our Mothers' and Special Friends' events!

Kind regards,

Kim Wheeler
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – MRS JESSICA MERRITT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Week 3 Values Awards

Our Week 3 theme for students was all about our school value of 'Connectedness'. Please join me in celebrating the award recipients for our School Values Award for Connectedness.

Our next values award will be for 'Challenge' – 'we use energy, effort and determination to give everything a go' and will be presented in Week 5. Making an effort and doing your best has been something I have spoken about with students often at assembly. It is something each individual has control over and something that we believe to be essential for building student learning habits not only at school but in life. We also recognised Year 2 students for their 'Respect' Values Award as they were offsite last week. It is pleasing to hear that our students are making MEPS proud when representing us when learning 'beyond our gates' at excursions such as at the Year 2 Briars excursion last week.

| Week 3: School Values Award Recipients <i>CONNECTEDNESS: We belong, and feel safe and valued in our community.</i> | | | |
|---|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Prep C | Jasmine O | 4B | Reuben S |
| Prep A | Ruby E | 4C | Kaeli B |
| Prep M | Digby | 4S | Will H |
| 1F | Ruby | 5B | Alex G |
| 1H | Aeyla E | 5A | Tyler E |
| 1D | Oscar S | 6W | Frankie M |
| 2H | Noah B | 6D | Macy G |
| 2M | Elise C | 6G | Chace R |
| 2B | Hugo M | STEM | 3A |
| 3S | Edwina | PE | 6W |
| 3A | Ryder W | ART | 2M |
| 3N | Celeste C | MDD | 2M |
| Week 2: School Values Award Recipients <i>RESPECT: We use kind words and actions</i> | | | |
| | 2H | Mabel H | |
| | 2M | Rory D | |

Friend-o-Leaders in Action



Our Year 6 Friend-o-leader team presented at assembly again this week to remind them of the Week 3 activities running in the Friend-o-zone which included chalk drawing, hopscotch and noughts and crosses. We again saw students of all ages engaging in this positive play. Students are reminded that our Friend-o-leaders are in the junior playgrounds and Friend-o-zone in the second half of lunchtimes Wednesday-Friday each week wearing their orange vests and spreading our culture of kindness, one friendship at a time.



MOTHERS' & SPECIAL FRIENDS CELEBRATIONS

Mothers' and Special Friends' Stall

The PTA is putting a call out to anyone that can help wrap the wonderful gifts on offer this year at our Mothers' and Special Friends' Stall.

Please use the following link to sign up to help - <https://signup.zone/rpEux2ofsyjiQwiGt>. Children are more than welcome. Tea/Coffee provided.

| MEPS Mother's Day Stall Timetable - 2024 Stall Location: STEM Lab | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------|--------|-------------|------------------------|
| Monday 6th | Wednesday 8th | | Thursday 9th | | Friday 10th | |
| STEM Lab closed for class access from Monday session 1 for the duration of Week 4 | 8:45-9:10 | 1F | 8:45-9:10 | 5A | 8:45-9:10 | Assembly |
| | 9:10-9:35 | 1D | 9:10-9:35 | 5B | 9:10-9:35 | Assembly |
| | 9:35-10:00 | 1H | 9:35-10:00 | Prep M | 9:35-10:00 | Students who were away |
| | 10:00-10:25 | 2H | 10:00-10:25 | Prep A | 10:00-10:25 | |
| | Recess | | Recess | | Recess | |
| | 10:55-11:20 | 2B | 10:55-11:20 | Prep C | 10:55-11:20 | PTA Pack down |
| | 11:20-11:45 | 2M | 11:20-11:45 | 4B | 11:20-11:45 | |
| | 11:45-12:10 | 3S | 11:45-12:10 | 4C | | |
| | 12:10-12:35 | 3N | 12:10-12:35 | 4S | | |
| | Lunch | | Lunch | | | |
| | 1:35-2:00 | 3A | 1:35-2:00 | 6D | | |
| | 2:00-2:25 | 6W | 2:00-2:25 | 6G | | |
| 2:25-3:15 | | 2:25-3:15 | | | | |
| PTA begin setting up stall Monday | | | | | | |

Mothers' and Special Friends' Day Breakfast

Sales are now live for the annual MEPS Mothers' and Special Friends' Breakfast, being held on Friday 10 May, 7:30am - 9:00am at the Old School Hall.

Orders close on Monday 6 May with strictly limited cash sales on the day (so please order online to avoid disappointment.) You can order via the QR code on the flyer on page 11 or directly via this link: <https://myschoolconnect.com.au/mt-eliza-ps-fundraiser>. Thank you for supporting the PTA at MEPS

Mothers' and Special Friends' Assembly

Immediately following the Special Breakfast, everyone is invited to join us for a **special assembly in the gymnasium at 8.50am!**

Attitude to School Survey AtoSS



Parents of Years 4-6 students were notified via Compass this week of the upcoming 2024 Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS). The AtoSS will be administered to all government school students in Years 4 to 12. This year, the survey will be conducted at our school from 13th May until 14th June.

Participation in this survey is voluntary. If you do not wish for your child to do the survey, please opt out via email to your school: jessica.merritt@education.vic.gov.au before the survey commences on Monday May 13, 2024. If we do not receive a Refusal of Consent email before the survey commencement date, as above, this will be taken as your consent for your child to participate in the 2024 Attitudes to School Survey. The *Parent Information and Consent letter* which was included in the Compass post to parents is also inserted on the next pages of our newsletter for your reference.

Looking forward to a great week 4.

Kind regards,

Jessica Merritt
Assistant Principal



Mothers' & Special Friends' Breakfast

FRIDAY 10TH MAY
7.30AM-9AM

MEPS SCHOOL HALL

All are welcome to come and join us in celebrating our wonderful and most amazing Mums' and Special Friends'

We have two breakfast options available this year for both the young and the young at heart...

Please order via the QR code below or directly via this link: <https://myschoolconnect.com.au/mt-eliza-ps-fundraiser>

ORDERS CLOSE ONLINE: 06/05/24
(Strictly limited cash sales on the day so PLEASE pre-order to avoid missing out!)

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TERM 2
TOUR DATES



Come and see our
school in action

- Wednesday 17 April | 9.30am
- Wednesday 24 April | 9.30am
- Wednesday 1 May | 9.30am
- Wednesday 8 May | 9.30am
- Wednesday 15 May | 9.30am
- Wednesday 22 May | 9.30am
- Wednesday 29 May | 9.30am

TO BOOK A TOUR CONTACT OUR
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(03) 9787 1385

“ Mt Eliza Primary School develops a love of learning through interesting and engaging lessons. They develop a sense of belonging, showing a real interest in my child. Teachers are warm and embracing.
MEPS Parent /Grade 2 Child ”

PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN INFORMATION AND CONSENT LETTER

2024 Student Attitudes to School Survey

Dear Parent / Caregiver / Guardian,

This letter is to inform you about the 2024 Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS), which will be administered to all government school students in Years 4 to 12.

About the survey

The AtoSS is a voluntary annual student survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools and the department to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and will be asking your child about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

ORIMA Research Pty Ltd has been contracted by the department to administer the online survey and will provide support to schools throughout the survey period via a telephone hotline and email.

This year, the survey will be conducted at your school from 13th May until 14th June.

What are the benefits?

Young people enjoy having a say! This survey has been running for nearly 20 years and is invaluable in helping schools understand student views to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. The survey responses also help the Department of Education understand how student's learning experiences can be improved.

What are the risks?

While we do not anticipate many risks of participation, some students may find some of the survey questions personal and sensitive in nature. Should you agree for your child to participate, they are still free to skip questions or to withdraw at any stage if the survey makes them upset or uncomfortable. A teacher will be present during the survey to support students.

The questions are selected from validated survey instruments used in Australia and around the world, are strength-based, and tailored for each year level group.

What will my child be asked to do?

Your child will be invited to complete the survey **online during class time** using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Please note:

- Student participation in the survey is voluntary and students may withdraw at any time.
- The survey is available in a variety of different versions to enable all students to participate.
- The survey will take around 20-45 minutes to complete.

How is my child's confidentiality protected?

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey from their teacher. The student login is an assigned identifier that will be used by the department to link data for analysis and research purposes only. Identifiable information, such as student name or Victorian Student Number (VSN) is **not** used for linking datasets. Some student demographic data (i.e. year level, gender, age, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status) is derived from department-held

administrative records and is linked to the individual student login ID during survey set up work to support survey administration.

ORIMA Research will only use student personal information for research purposes to facilitate the administration and data collection of the Attitudes to School Survey. To ensure the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times, personally identifiable data will not be recorded in the survey response file that ORIMA Research provides to the department. All data is stored on servers located in Australia and access is restricted to staff who are working on the project.

All information collected about your child will be handled in accordance with the *Privacy Data and Protection Act 2014* (Vic), the *Health Records Act 2001* (Vic) and the *Public Records Act 1973* (Vic), as well as the Department's [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). Please note that consistent with the above legislation and our policy, there are instances where we may be required by law to share information provided by your child. For example, where there is a threat to your child's health and safety.

How will results be reported?

Aggregated state-wide survey data will be used to report on initiatives and may also be used in public discussions of issues relating to student engagement and wellbeing. An example of how survey data has been previously used includes reporting levels of student engagement in the Performance Summary in the Annual Report to the School Community.

The survey results will also be reported back to the school in aggregate form throughout the survey period. Data or results about individual students will not be shared with schools. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Where there are low numbers of students, the data will be suppressed so that the school cannot view the results for that group.

Your school may share the results of the survey with parents and carers.

Options for participation

Participation in this survey is **voluntary**. If you **do not** wish for your child to do the survey, please opt out via email to your school: jessica.merritt@education.vic.gov.au **before the survey commences on Monday May 13, 2024**

Student personal information will be shared with ORIMA Research to facilitate survey preparations prior to this opt out process. If you opt your child out of participating, then your school will ensure that your child is not provided with access to the survey. Student details will be deleted by ORIMA Research at the conclusion of the survey.

If your school does not receive a Refusal of Consent email before the survey commencement date, as above, this will be taken as your consent for your child to participate in the 2024 Attitudes to School Survey. However, as noted above the survey is voluntary: even with your consent, your child can choose to skip questions or withdraw at any time.

Further information about this survey, including the questions your child will be asked to answer, please visit the department's [survey information page](#).

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher, or contact the department at school.surveys@education.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Department of Education, Victoria



MEPS trivia olympics



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Donations will be gratefully received before 7th June, with
the Trivia night being held on the 15th of June.

Please contact PTA on 9787 1385 or
pta.mteliza.ps@gmail.com

BOOK CLUB ISSUE 3 OUT NOW!

Book Club issue 3 catalogues will be sent home with youngest siblings this week. All sales earn our school Scholastic rewards to go towards new books and resources for our library.

Please place orders online through Book Club loop by Monday April 29th:
<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

Thank you for your support,
Carina Thomas

Book Club Coordinator

Providing Value to Families

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Value Packed

Book Club

EARN AND SPEND CREDITS! See back page for more

Includes a \$5 credit!

ORDERS DUE BACK BY:

001 **NEW! Mini Shake Shop**
Make Bubble Tea and other sweet treat replicas. 32-pp book, air dry clay, accessories and more.
AGES 7+ \$29.99 **\$26.00**

002 **NEW! Karen's Sleepover**
Karen is super excited about her first sleepover...
144 pp. AGES 7+ \$16.00 **SAVE 41% \$10**

003 **NEW! Teacher's Pet**
The twins -

DOG MAN
The Squirrel Squirrels

THE BAD GUYS

SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

TERM 2 STIR CRAZY KIDS CANTEEN MENU



MT ELIZA PRIMARY SCHOOL



ON-LINE LUNCH ORDERS

You can order your child's lunch online

Stir Crazy Kids



Down load the App at the App Store or Google play

We will have everything ready to go to make Lunch orders easy. All you need to do is register, add your kids, don't forget their grades, choose their lunch. Add it to your cart. Add another order if needed. Checkout for all students together, and we will take care of the rest.

You can order in advance or on the day

Ordering closes at 9am Too easy!!

Categories are the same as this menu.

Need some help? support@stircrazykids.com.au

Call or text Donna 0405110407

CANTEEN LUNCH ORDERS

For orders direct to Canteen Please write the following details for your child's lunch order on a **Paper Bag**:
Child's Name & Grade, Food order, Cash amount enclosed
Food Allergies in **Red Pen**
Please provide one bag per order
*If a bag is not supplied 30c for a bag will need to be included.
* To help us to comply with Food Safety Regulations all Paper Bags must be new



TERM 2 2024

CANTEEN MENU



Nutritional Guide

All The Food in this Canteen Menu has been ranked by Nutrition experts using smiley faces. This allows you to make informed choices about your child's daily nutritional requirements.

😊😊=Green 😊=Amber

This Menu is in line with the DET School Canteen and other School food Policy "

Whilst we offer Gluten Free choices they are prepared with care in a Gluten environment

WWW.STIRCRAZYKIDS.COM.AU

Facebook/stircrazykidscanteen

TUMMY TEASERS

Available for lunch orders and every Canteen day at Recess and Lunchtime

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|----|---|---------|
| 😊😊 | Orange 1/4 | .60c |
| 😊😊 | Slinky Apple | \$1.30c |
| 😊😊 | Slice of Fruit in Season | \$1.50c |
| 😊 | Mini Muffin | \$1.30c |
| 😊 | Anzac Biscuit | \$1.30c |
| 😊 | Gluten Free cookie | \$1.60c |
| 😊😊 | Garlic Bread | .60c |
| 😊 | Jumpys (Chicken/Salt&Vin) | \$1.20 |
| 😊 | Veggie Chips (Gluten Free) | \$2.20 |
| 😊 | Grain Waves | \$2.20 |
| 😊😊 | Cobs Pop Corn | \$2.20 |
| 😊 | Small pop corn | \$1.00 |
| 😊 | Ginger Bread People | \$2.70 |
| 😊😊 | Vaalia Yoghurt Tubs- 100ml | \$2.00 |
| | Tropical, Mixed berries, Blueberry, Lemon Crème, Passionfruit & Vanilla Available fresh or Frozen | |
| 😊😊 | Quelch-Frozen Fruit Icy Pole | \$1.00 |

DRINKS

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|----|--------------------------------|--------|
| 😊😊 | Juice Box 250ml- Apple /Orange | |
| | Apple & Blackcurrant | \$2.80 |
| 😊 | Oak Milk 300ml | |
| | Choc / Straw /Van | \$3.30 |
| 😊😊 | Plain Milk | \$3.30 |
| 😊😊 | Lactose Free Choc Milk | \$3.30 |
| 😊😊 | Hot Chocolate | \$3.50 |
| 😊😊 | Bottled water | \$2.20 |

Prices include the new State Gov Container Tax

Mt Eliza Primary School

SPECIAL MEAL DAYS

MUNCHY MONDAY

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| 😊😊 | Egg & Bacon Roll | \$6.00 |
| | Add Cheese slice | \$1.00 |
| | Tomato sauce | .30 |

TASTY TUESDAY

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|----|------------------|--------|
| 😊😊 | Steamed Dim Sims | \$1.50 |
| | Gluten Free | \$1.80 |
| | Add Soy sauce | .10 |

WICKED WEDNESDAY

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|----|------------------------------|--------|
| 😊😊 | Crispy Chicken Tender Wrap | \$5.50 |
| | With Lettuce and Mayonnaise | |
| | Add cheese | \$1.00 |
| | lactose free or Vegan Cheese | \$1.50 |

TEMPTING THURSDAY

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|---|-----------------------|--------|
| 😊 | Mrs Macs Sausage Roll | \$4.00 |
| 😊 | Mrs Macs Meat Pie | \$6.00 |
| 😊 | Gluten Free Pie | \$7.00 |
| | Vegan Pie | \$6.50 |
| | Tomato sauce | 30c |

FANCY FRIDAY

| | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------|
| 😊 | Hot Dog or Vegan sausage | |
| | In a white long roll | \$5.00 |
| | Add Cheese | \$1.00 |
| | Lactose free cheese | \$1.50 |
| | Vegan Cheese | \$1.50 |
| | Tom sauce or mustard | .30ea |

SPECIAL MEAL DEAL

Include an Oak Milk or Plain Milk for \$3.10

Add a Slinky Apple, Anzac or a Mini Muffin for 1.10 each

RIGHT-ON-WRAPS

Mon -Thurs

Tortilla Style Wrap with your choice of:

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|----|-----------------|--------|
| 😊😊 | Cheese & Salad | \$6.50 |
| 😊😊 | Ham & Salad | \$7.50 |
| 😊😊 | Chicken & Salad | \$7.50 |
| 😊😊 | Tuna & Salad | \$7.50 |

Add cheese for \$.1.00c. Lactose free cheese \$1.50 or avocado for \$1.50

SUPER SALAD BOWL

Mon -Thurs

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| 😊😊 | Super Salad Bowl | \$6.00 |
| | Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cucumber & Cheese | |
| | Add Chicken, Ham, Tuna, Egg, or Avocado | \$1.50 |
| | Lactose free cheese | \$1.50c |



HOT ITEMS ANY DAY

Meal Deal Any Day

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| 😊😊 | Penne Pasta & Oak Milk | \$8.60 |
| | Add a Slinky Apple, Anzac or a Mini Muffin for 1.10c each | |
| 😊😊 | Penne Pasta with Cheese (Available Gluten Free) | \$5.50 |
| 😊😊 | Mini Corn Cob | \$6.50 |
| 😊😊 | Hard Boiled Egg | \$1.50 |
| 😊😊 | Chicken Zoomer with cheese | \$6.00 |
| 😊😊 | Tuna, Chicken or Ham Melt | |
| | Toasted with Corn & cheese | \$6.00 |
| 😊😊 | Pita Pizzas Margarita | \$4.50 |
| | Garlic & Cheese | \$4.50 |
| | Cheese & Vegemite | \$4.50 |
| | Ham & Cheese | \$5.00 |
| | Hawaiian | \$5.50 |

Substitute with lactose free or Vegan Cheese for \$1.00ea

SUPER SANDWICHES

& ROCK 'N' ROLLS Mon-Thurs

Your Choice White Hi Fibre/Wholemeal Rolls are available for an extra \$1.00

Gluten Free Bread \$1.00 Lactose Free Cheese \$1.50

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| 😊 | Vegemite | \$3.00 |
| 😊 | Honey | \$3.00 |
| 😊😊 | Cheese | \$3.50 |
| 😊😊 | Cheese & Vegemite | \$4.00 |
| 😊😊 | Cheese & Lettuce | \$4.50 |
| 😊😊 | Cheese & Tomato | \$4.50 |
| 😊😊 | Egg | \$4.00 |
| 😊😊 | Egg & Lettuce | \$5.00 |
| 😊😊 | Fresh Chicken | \$4.50 |
| 😊😊 | Fresh Chicken & Salad | \$6.50 |
| 😊😊 | Ham | \$4.50 |
| 😊😊 | Ham & Salad | \$6.50 |
| 😊😊 | Ham & Cheese | \$5.50 |

Extra fillings, Tomato, Cheese, Carrot, Lettuce
All extra fillings \$1.00 each Avocado \$1.50
Substitute with lactose free or Vegan Cheese for \$1.00

Truly Tasty Toasties

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|----|----------------------|--------|
| 😊 | Vegemite | \$3.00 |
| 😊😊 | Cheese | \$3.50 |
| 😊😊 | Ham | \$4.50 |
| 😊😊 | Ham & Cheese | \$5.50 |
| 😊😊 | Chicken & Cheese | \$5.50 |
| 😊😊 | Cheese & Vegemite | \$4.00 |
| 😊😊 | Cheese & Tomato | \$4.50 |
| 😊😊 | Ham, Cheese & tomato | \$6.50 |

Substitute with lactose free or Vegan Cheese for \$1.00

Order online Details PTO



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



National Families' Week Expo

Tuesday May 14th 1-4pm



“Celebrating family diversity and connection”

Western Port Community Support along with Family Life are organising a free fun afternoon to celebrate local families.

Information available from local services, free activities including a mobile animal farm & outdoor games, and a free sausage sizzle! Peninsula Community Legal Centre Street Law coffee van will be onsite providing free coffee and legal support.

We hope you can join us!

Where: Western Port Community Support
185 High St Hastings, in the left side carpark

